

the Essex Fells Volunteer Fire Department immediately deployed to New York to cover station houses for New York firefighters while they worked at Ground Zero on the search and rescue efforts.

I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Edward Abbott and the citizens of Essex Fells on their centennial. May they have another hundred years of prosperity and community.●

TWO CALIFORNIA TEAMS ON CHAMPIONS DAY

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I would like to honor two national collegiate championship teams from my State of California. They are great examples of team spirit and co-operation: the Santa Clara University women's soccer team and the Stanford University women's volleyball team.

The Santa Clara University women's soccer team won the 2001 NCAA College Cup Championship this past fall. The team won its first national title in their fifth trip to the College Cup, and this is the first outright NCAA championship in the school's history.

The members of the 2001 Santa Clara University women's soccer team are: Holly Azevedo; Jessica Ballweg; Emma Borst; Lana Bowen; Jaclyn Campi; Kristi Candau; Ynez Carrasco; Kerry Cathcart; Devvyn Hawkins; Bree Horvath; Anna Kraus; Leslie Osborne; Erin Pearson; Chardonnay Poole; Erin Sharpe; Katie Sheppard; Danielle Slaton; Alyssa Sobolik; Taline Tahmassian; Allie Teague; Aly Wagner; and Veronica Zepeda.

I congratulate the team and their head coach, Jerry Smith.

The Stanford University women's volleyball team won the 2001 NCAA National Championship this past fall. The team won its fifth national championship, which is a record.

The members of the 2001 Stanford University women's volleyball team are: Michelle Chambers; Tara Conrad; Sara Dukes; Leah Hall; Jennifer Harvey; Jennifer Huckle; Ashley Ivy; Emily Lawrence; Robyn Lewis; Sara McGee; Ogonna Nnamani; Anna Robinson; Sara Sandrik; and Logan Tom.

I congratulate the team and their head coach, John Dunning.

Both teams are an inspiration to all, especially to young women and girls who are themselves members of sports teams. I wish all the team members the best in whatever road they find themselves on after this great accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting a withdrawal and sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The following presidential message was laid before the Senate together with accompanying reports, which was referred as indicated:

PM-73. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments: a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement along with a paragraph-by-paragraph explanation of each provision. The Agreement was signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001.

The United States-Australia Agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries. The United States-Australia Agreement contains all provisions mandated by section 233 and other provisions that I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233, pursuant to section 233(c)(4).

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the Agreement. Annexed to this report is the report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, a report on the effect of the Agreement on income and expenditures of the U.S. Social Security program and the number of individuals affected by the Agreement. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Agreement and related documents to me.

I commend the United States-Australia Social Security Agreement and related documents.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2002.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

The following presidential message was laid before the Senate together with accompanying reports, which was referred as indicated:

PM-74. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on Telecommunications Payments Made to Cuba pursuant to Treasury Department Specific Licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, 22 U.S.C. 6004(e)(6), I transmit herewith a semi-annual report prepared by my Administration detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2002.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5699. A communication from the Executive Officer, Civil Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001" ((RIN1105-AA79)(CIV104F)) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5700. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest" (RIN0572-AB60) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5701. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Rate Direct Loan Program" (RIN0572-AB71) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5702. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees" (FRL6774-3) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5703. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2,4-D: Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6827-1) received on March 8, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5704. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Community Income for Certain Individuals not Filing Joint Returns" (RIN1545-AY83) received on March 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5705. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue